

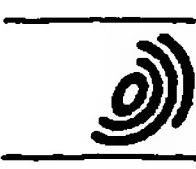
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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Applicant GLYCOMED SCIENCES LIMITED et al.			
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
 2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

Description, Pages

1-16 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-25 as originally filed

- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
 - the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	6-9,24
	No:	Claims	1-5,10-23,25
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	6-9
	No:	Claims	24
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-25
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

see separate sheet

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(SEPARATE SHEET)**

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Re Item V.

The present application relates to steroid/chalcotriose and solatriose - conjugates. What is claimed is the process for their production with two different synthetic strategies depending on the respective sugar part and in addition thereto preferred end products (Claim 24) and intermediates (Claim 25) are claimed as well.

as concerns the processes the following is to be noted:

the method to build up the chalcotriose sugar part departing from the respective glucosylated 3-OH steroid is already known from the Applicant's earlier application WO 03/018604 (D1); see the whole document.

the synthesis sequence for the solatriose - a key intermediate is in this case the acetal/ketal of formula VIb - is not disclosed in the prior art; for this part of the application novelty and inventive step are acknowledged.

as concerns the intermediates:

in particular the monoglucosylated steroids are already known from the prior art; see the various X-documents cited in the Search Report.

as concerns the endproduct:

the preferred steroids are tomatidine and demissidine, it is to be noted that the antineoplastic activity of closely related steroid conjugates is already known from the prior art. On page 2 of the description the Applicant himself refers to Solasonine which can be looked at as a Δ^5 -tomatidine conjugate; see in this connection also D1. Furthermore, the Applicant's attention is directed to the paper of Min-Jwei SHIN et al. (D2), in particular compound 2 which is an isomer of the tomatidine conjugate claimed in the instant case. The subject-matter of Claim 24 is therefore deemed to be deprived of an inventive step; Art.33(3) PCT.